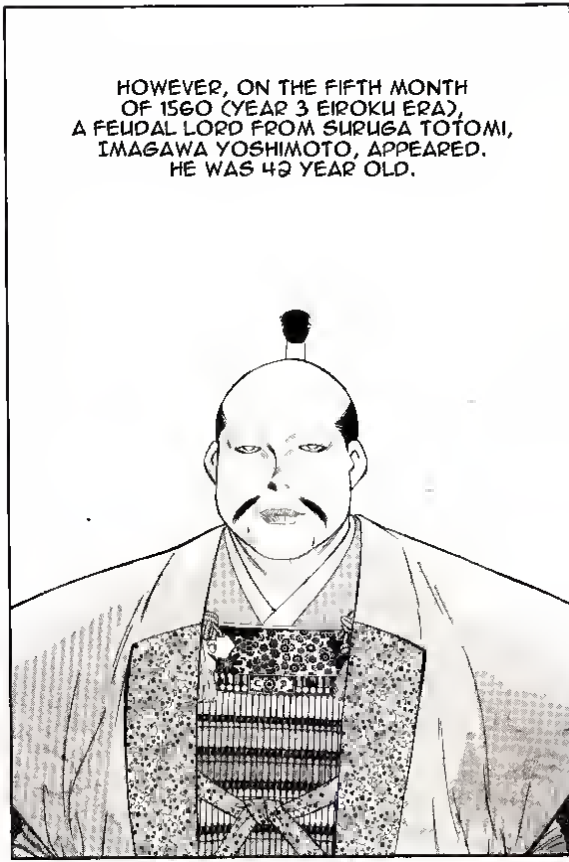
THUS BEGAN ODA NOBUNAGA'S MOVEMENT.
ON THE BATTLEFIELD, WITH HIS STRATEGY,
HE DESTROYED HIS ENEMY COMING
FROM THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.
1559 (YEAR 2 EIROKU ERA),
AFTER TAKING OVER HIS FATHER NOBUHIDE,
NOBUNAGA AT THE AGE OF 27
HAD UNITED OWARI IN THE COURSE OF
SEVEN YEARS.


HOWEVER, ON THE FIFTH MONTH
OF 1560 (YEAR 3 EIROKU ERA),
A FEUDAL LORD FROM SURUGA TOTOMI,
IMAGAWA YOSHIMOTO, APPEARED.
HE WAS 42 YEAR OLD.

HE ADVANCED TO OWARI
WITH HIS TROOPS OF 20,000-30,000.
MEANWHILE, ODA'S TROOPS
ONLY TOTALED 2,000-3,000.

18TH DAY OF THE FIFTH MONTH, KYOSU TEMPLE
My Lord! Please gather the council!
Imagawa's troops have reached Kutsukake.
If he keep advancing, then...
How troubling

*秀貞 ― 林 秀貞 織田家 初期の宿老

your judgements will get clouded.
So this is what it means when there's luck,

Oda Clan is finished
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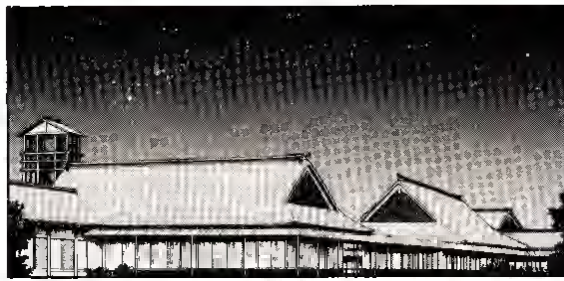

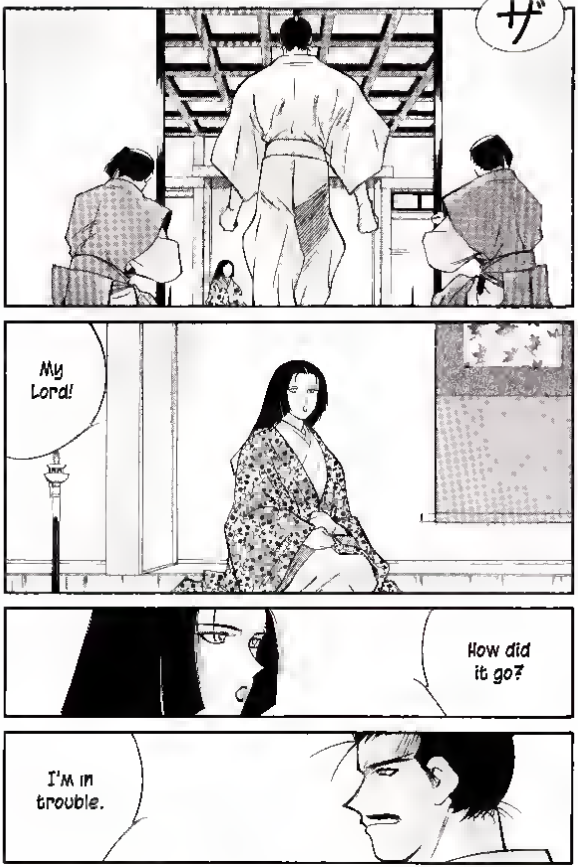
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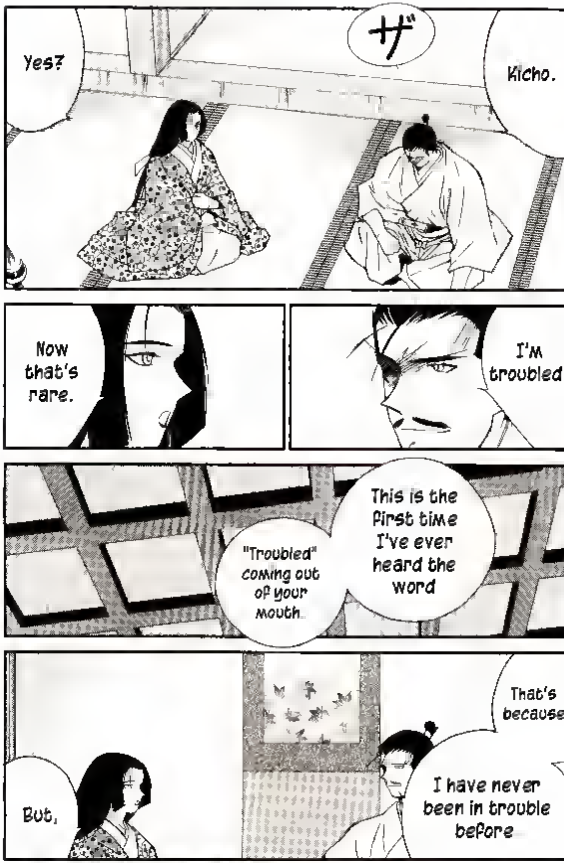
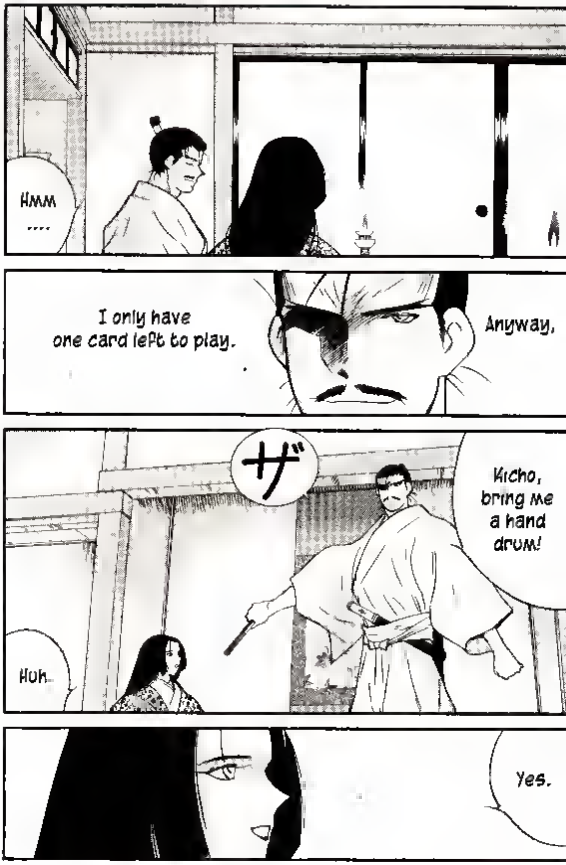
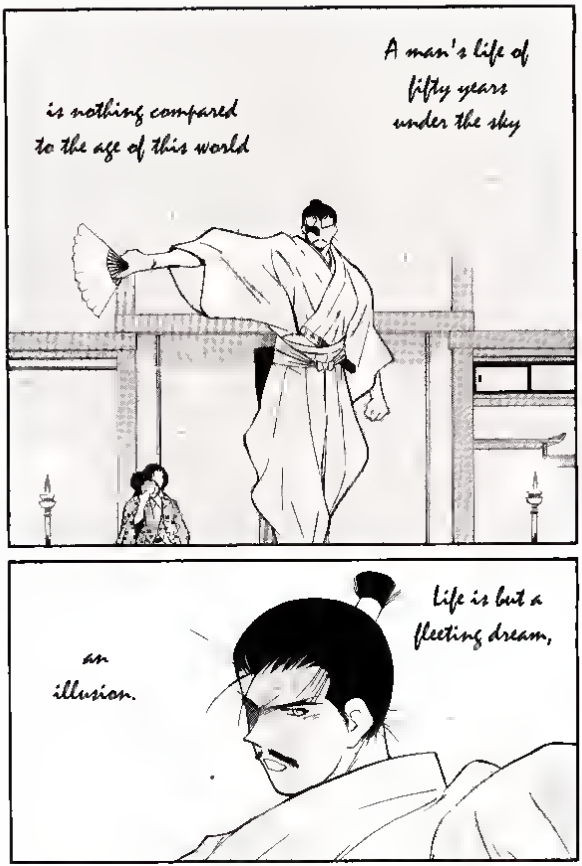
My Lord!
How did it go?
I'm in trouble.



※帰蝶：一般―本名は「帰蝶」と美濃国諸旧記にある。
一般的には美濃の姫が省略され濃姫と云われたらしい。

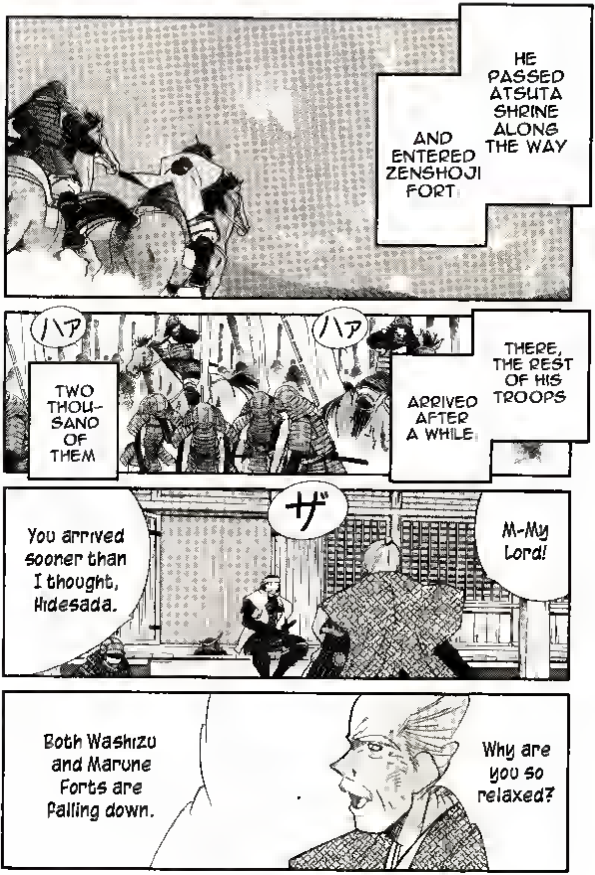
Your pace doesn't seem troubled.
Is that how it looks like?
Is that so? Hahaha! Well.
If I have to say, you seems like enjoying yourself.
I'm actually troubled, yet at the same time, I'm enjoying this.
Both are correct.

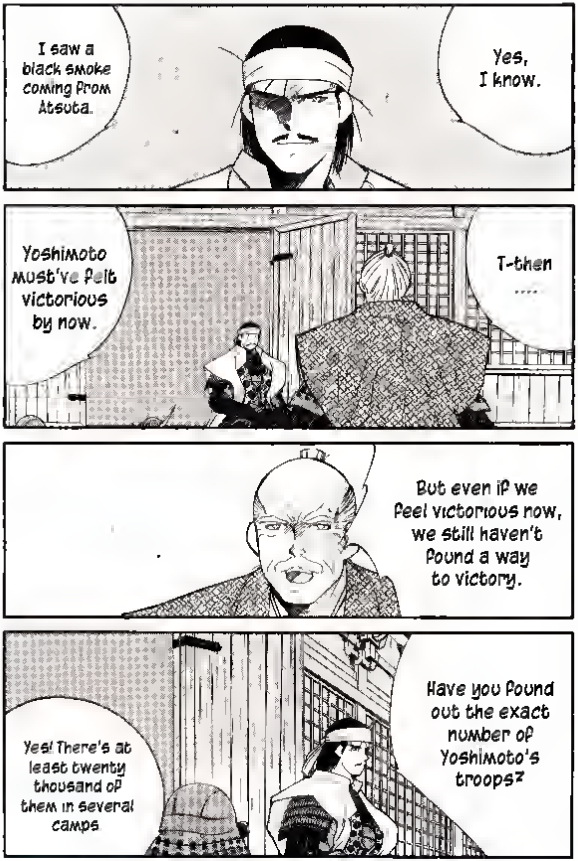

Hmm ....
I only have one card left to play.
Anyway,
ザ
Kicho, bring me a hand drum!
Huh
Yes.


A man's life of
fifty years
under the sky
is nothing compared
to the age of this world
Life is but a
fleeting dream,
an
illusion.

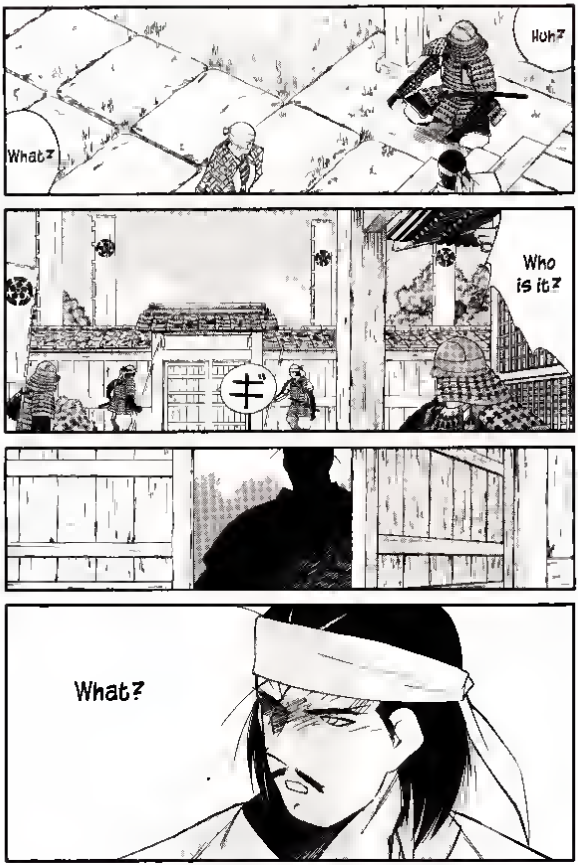
※敦盛　幸若舞。信長が愛舞したと伝えられる。

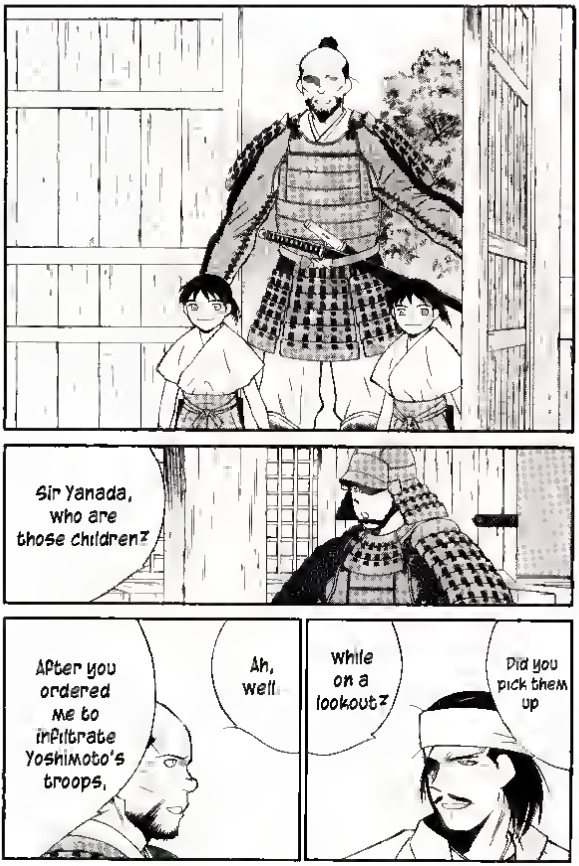
Bring me my armor!
We're heading out!
NOBUNAGA HEADED OUT ON A SORTIE FROM KYOSU TEMPLE
19TH DAY, DAWN, AFTER DANCING ATSUMORI,
IT IS SAID THAT THE STORM-LIKE ATTACK
WAS DONE ALONG WITH FIVE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE WITH HIM AT THE MOMENT.


HE PASSED ATSUTA SHRINE ALONG THE WAY
AND ENTERED ZENSHOJI FORT.
ハア
ハア
TWO THOU-SAND OF THEM
ARRIVED AFTER A WHILE.
THERE, THE REST OF HIS TROOPS
ザ
You arrived sooner than I thought, Hidesada.
M-My Lord!
Both Washizu and Marune Forts are falling down.
Why are you so relaxed?


I saw a black smoke coming from Atsuta.
Yes, I know.
Yoshimoto must've felt victorious by now.
T-then ....
But even if we feel victorious now, we still haven't found a way to victory.
Have you found out the exact number of Yoshimoto's troops?
Yes! There's at least twenty thousand of them in several camps

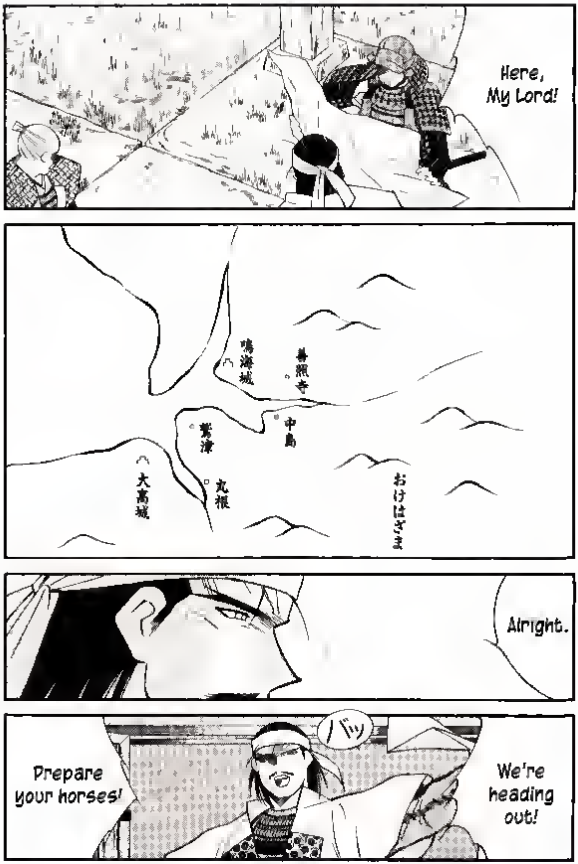
Hmm.... How troubling.
As long as I don't know which camp Yoshimoto is in, I can't move my troops
So you're not troubled?
My Lord, what are you saying right now?
No, of course I am. But....
Did my "trouble" reach him?


Huh?
What?
Who is it?
What?


Sir Yanada, who are those children?
After you ordered me to infiltrate Yoshimoto's troops,
Ah, well
While on a lookout?
Did you pick them up

And he said to take these children to Nobunaga... pardon, to you, My Lord
I met a man.
Your enemy is at Okeha-zama.
Come, Nobunaga
I could not refuse him.
Forgive me, My Lord.

Well done, Masatsuna!
He's here.
What?
Protect these children with your life!
They are my nephews.
ザ
Someone, get me a map!
My Lord.


Here, My Lord!
善照寺
鳴海城
中島
緑津
丸根
大高城
おけはざま
Alright.
Prepare your horses!
バッ
We're heading out!

My Lord?
Where are we heading?!
We can't just go on a sortie.
Yes!

Then....
First, gather all the men you can in Nakajima Fort.

To Okehazama.
That's where Yoshimoto is.

leave all the flags here!
Let's go, men! However,
We want them to think that we're still camping here.

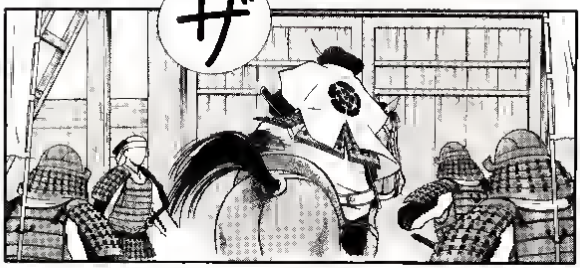
ゴク
Give us food!
You will win this battle. Anyway, I'm hungry
ヒク
Umm, Sure.
NOBUNAGA MOVED TO NAKAJIMA FORT
WITH AN ARMY OF TWO THOUSAND
19TH DAY, MIDDAY

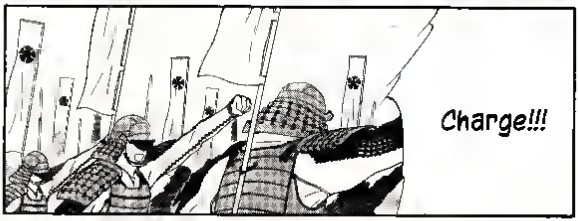
Yes! I have returned from lookout.
How is it?
Based on their flags, there're five thousand men.
Y-Yoshimoto's troops are indeed at Okehazama
but on a small mountain.
However their camps are not on a valley,
Mountain?

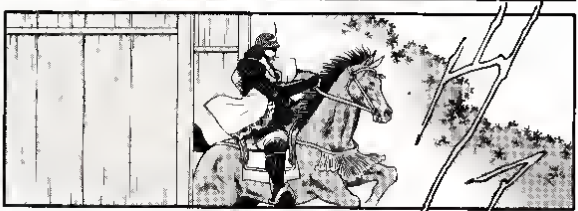
※近年の研究によると合戦ではなく、おけはざま山という所に陣をかまえたという説が有力である。

※今川義元の家紋は、この「丸に二つ引両」以外にも足利氏の支族のため、「二つ引両」と下賜された「桐紋」もある。

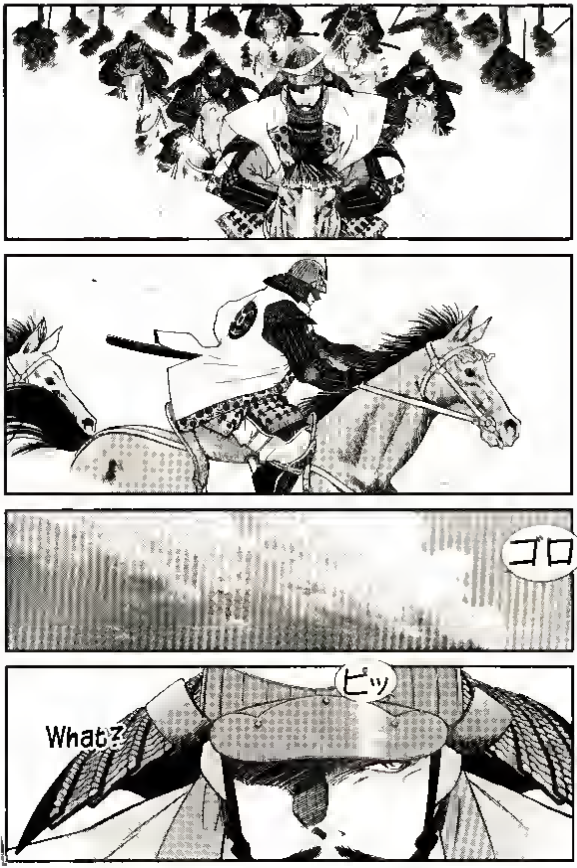
A demon told me to come.
Let's go!
My Lord! It's too reckless We can't possibly order a small amount of troops to attack them
ザ
Nobunaga will definitely win! Our victory will be our honor for all eternity!
Don't be afraid of their numbers!
ザワ
Charge!

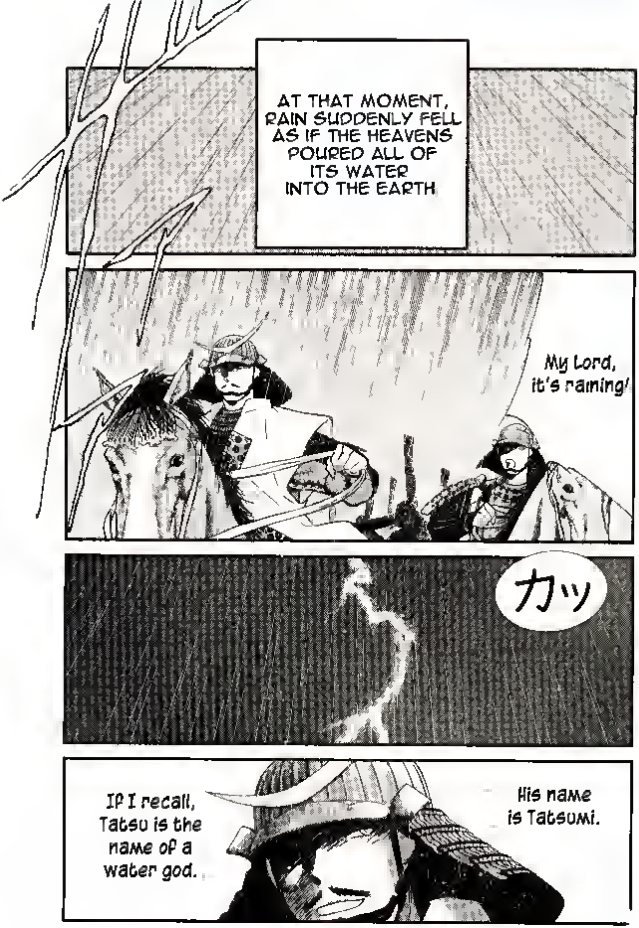






*古式にては鞘の右側から拔くのが作法という（現代の拔刀式は左）。


ゴロ
ビッ
What?


AT THAT MOMENT, RAIN SUDDENLY FELL AS IF THE HEAVENS POURED ALL OF ITS WATER INTO THE EARTH
My Lord, it's raining!
カッ
If I recall, Tatsu is the name of a water god.
His name is Tatsumi.

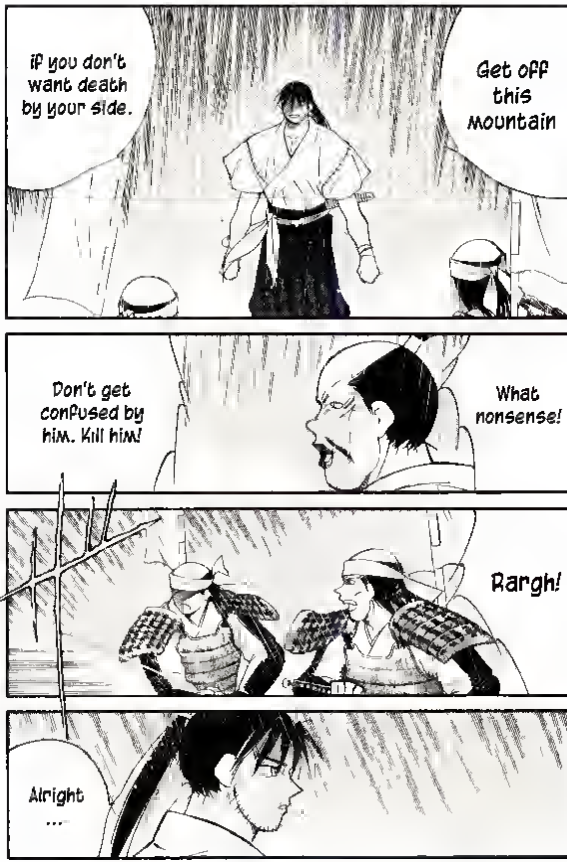
With this, we will be able to get close unnoticed
ドドド
Don't tell me he called this rain.
M-My Lord!
This is an aid from the heavens. Don't stop moving!
Don't be afraid!

Ohh! It's raining!
My Lord, hurry! Into the tent!
カッ

It struck nearby!

Then, please enter the tent!
Y-Yes.
Are you alright, My Lord?
Who is that?
What?

Are you Oda's spy?
Who are you?
I am Shura, a demon lord.
I don't have anything against you, but...
I'm aiding Nobunaga as promised.


Get off this mountain
if you don't want death by your side.
What nonsense!
Don't get confused by him. Kill him!
Rargh!
Alright ...

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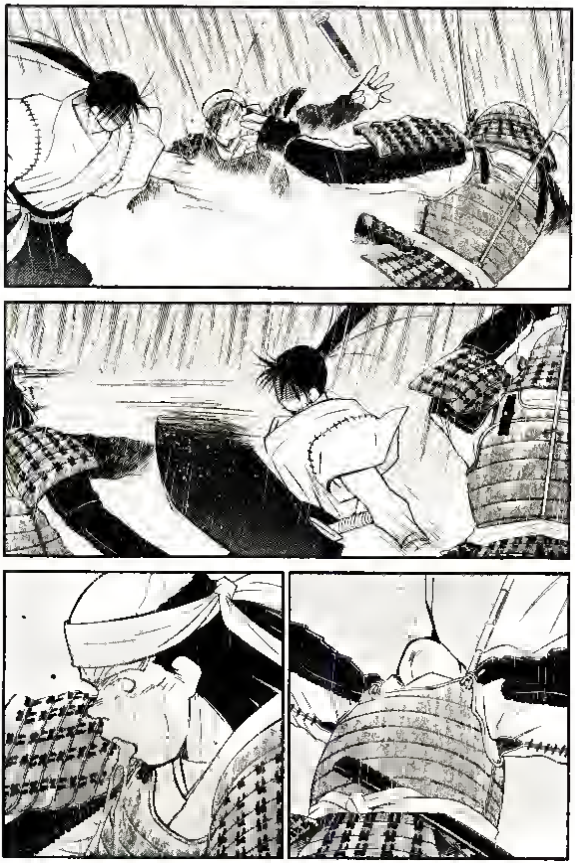
キィ
Surround him!
Don't be afraid! He's alone.
Yes!



This one is not human.
My Lord should retreat!
ヴァ
ゴッ
Gah!
Eek!
G-Give me my sword! My Samonji!
Here!

How dare you!
ビキイ
Hgya!

ガシ
M-My arm!
My Lord!
Is he really a god of carnage?
Please hang on!
Get off this mountain.

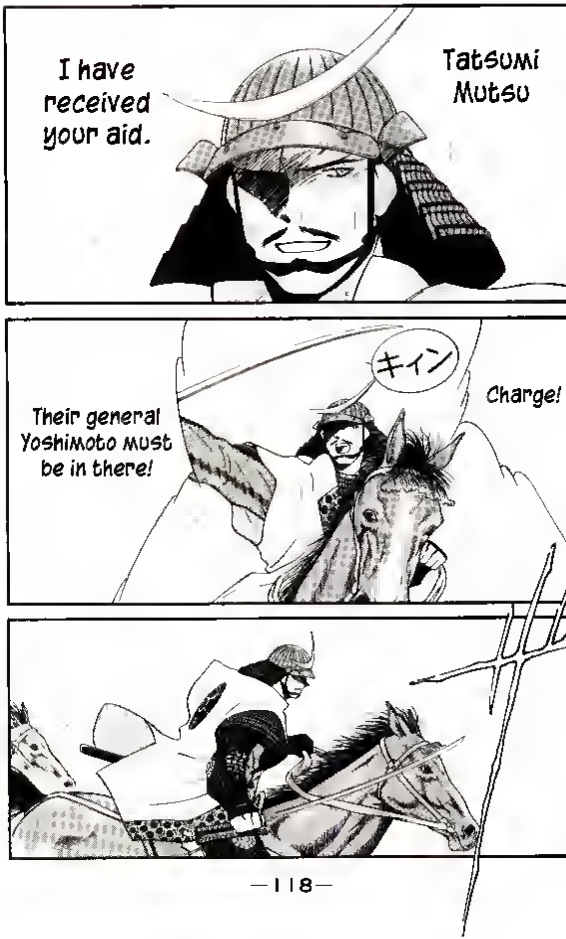
Do you want to die?
Ah!
Arrgh!
ザ
My Lord! Let's retreat!

I don't know. But people at the top are running. I couldn't stop them.
What happened?

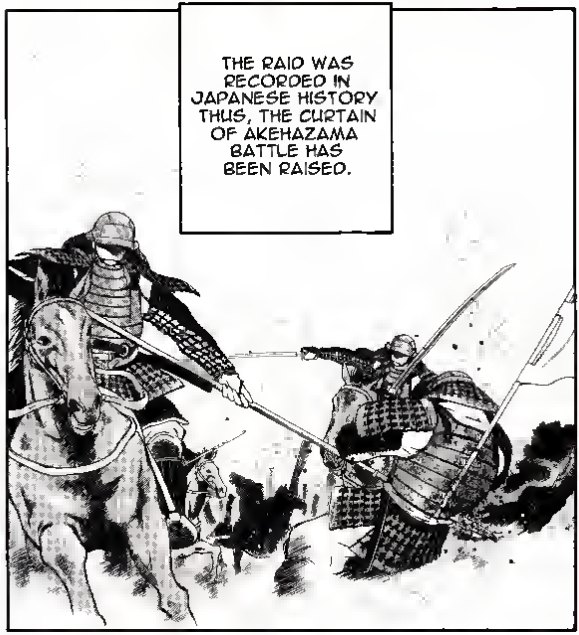
What exactly happened up there?
Impos-sible! Just what....
Ugh!

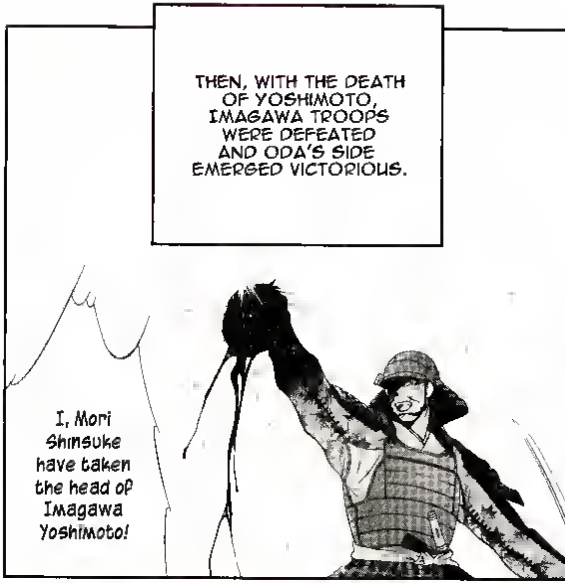
バシャ
My Lord, the sky has cleared.

T-That's Okehazama mountain.
Imagawa's main troops are....
Huh? What?
What is happening? What chased them away?
They're running down from the mountain!


I have received your aid.
Tatsumi Mutsu
キィン
Charge!
Their general Yoshimoto must be in there!

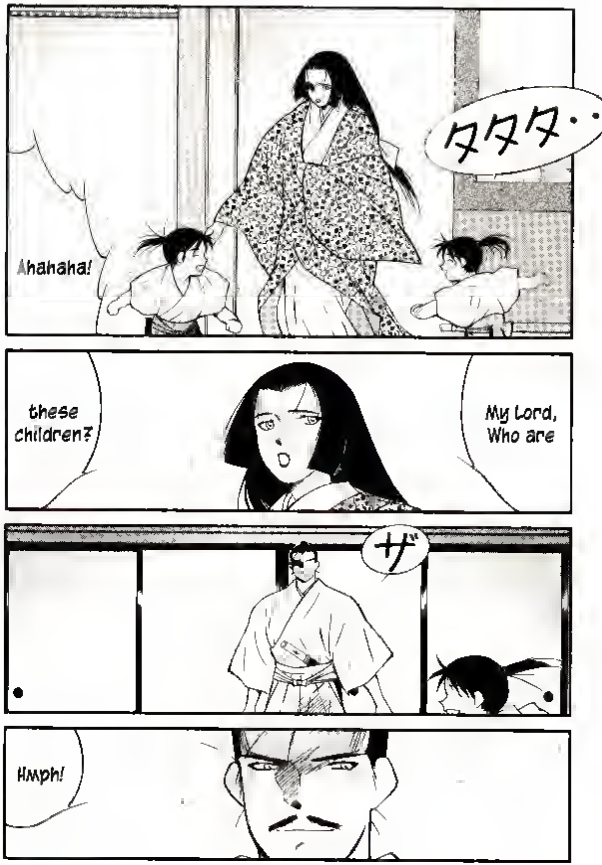
Charge!


THE RAID WAS RECORDED IN JAPANESE HISTORY THUS, THE CURTAIN OF AKEHAZAMA BATTLE HAS BEEN RAISED.



※信長記に「毛利新介…義元を伐り臥せ頭をとる」と記されている

We won ....
ギッ
Don't go after them. Pull back the troops.
NOBUNAGA RETURNED WITH TRIUMPH TO KIYOSU CASTLE THAT DAY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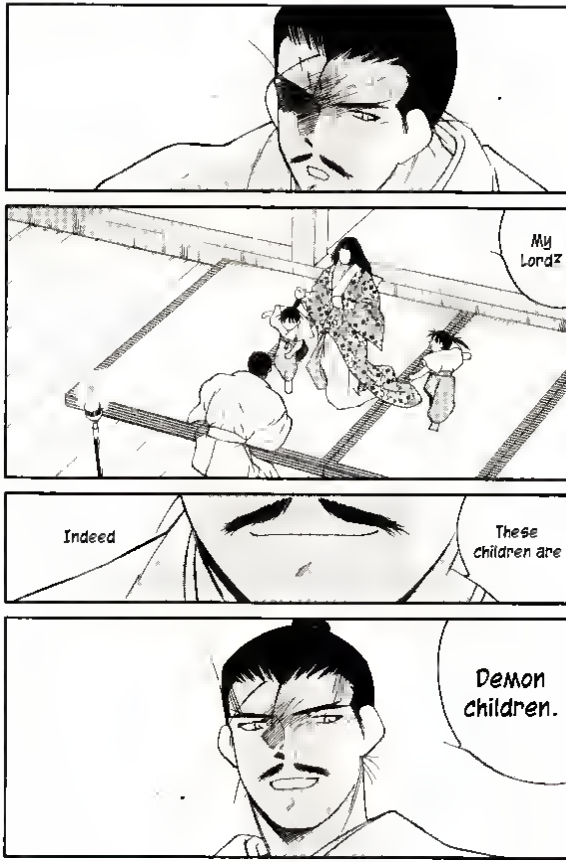
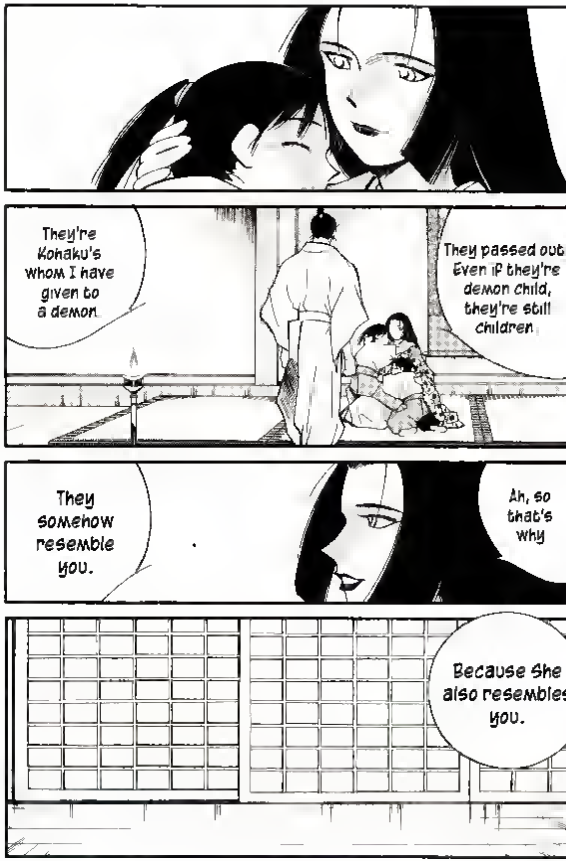
Ahahaha!
My Lord, Who are these children?
ザ
Hmph!

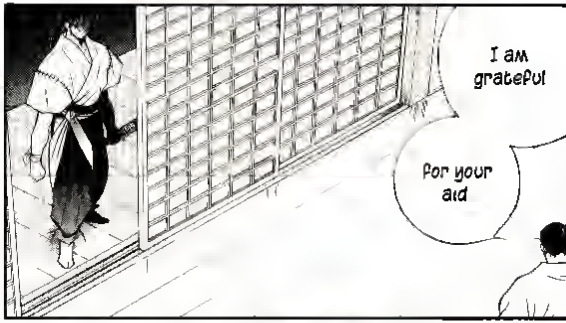
Come on, calm down
ス
ヒュ
There!


My Lordz
Indeed
These children are
Demon children.

ピョン
Demon?
ガシ
Kya!
They're also my nephews.
She smells like Mother.
Like Mother
どさ


They're Kohaku's whom I have given to a demon.
They passed out. Even if they're demon child, they're still children.
They somehow resemble you.
Ah, so that's why
Because she also resembles you.

It seems like the demon father has come to get his sons
ガラ

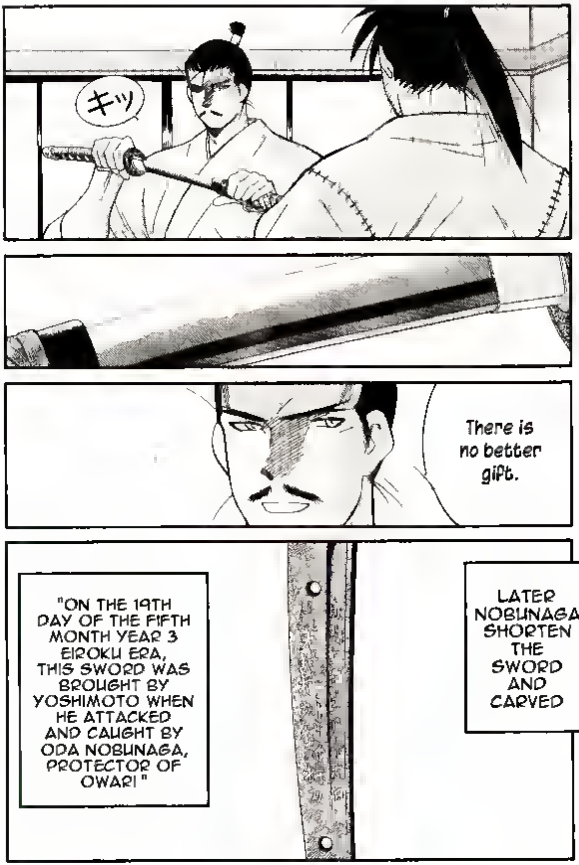

I am grateful
for your aid

Never thought I'd hear the word grateful from you.
Well, aren't you wise.

Although I am curious about one thing.

I'm sure I'd be much easier than chasing them out off a mountain.
I thought you would bring me Yoshimoto's head.

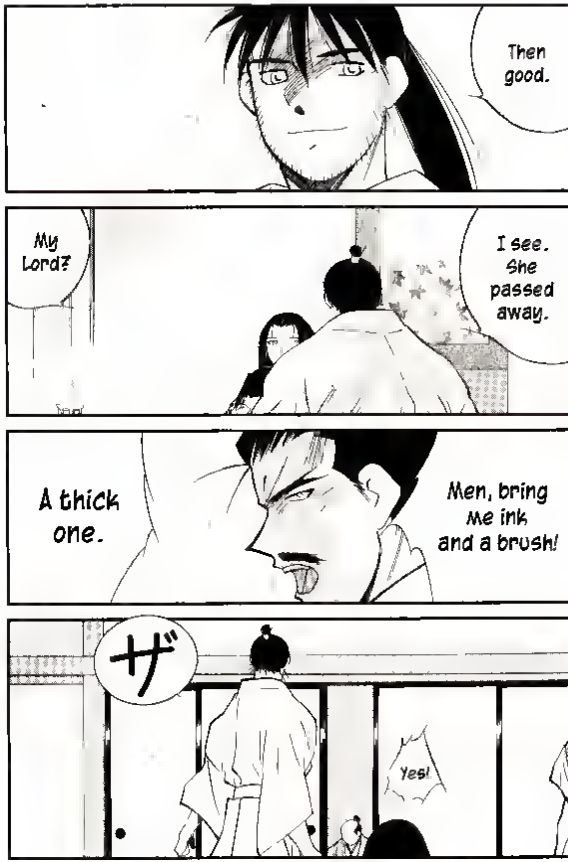
Your troops morale would be damaged.
If some stranger were to bring you the head
Indeed.
So instead, I bring you
this.
Yoshimoto's sword, Samonji.


キッ
There is no better gift.
"ON THE 19TH DAY OF THE FIFTH MONTH YEAR 3 EIROKU ERA, THIS SWORD WAS BROUGHT BY YOSHIMOTO WHEN HE ATTACKED AND CAUGHT BY ODA NOBUNAGA, PROTECTOR OF OWARI"
LATER NOBUNAGA SHORTEN THE SWORD AND CARVED

How is Kohaku?
チン
She passed away.
ピク
The other reason I came here is to tell you that.

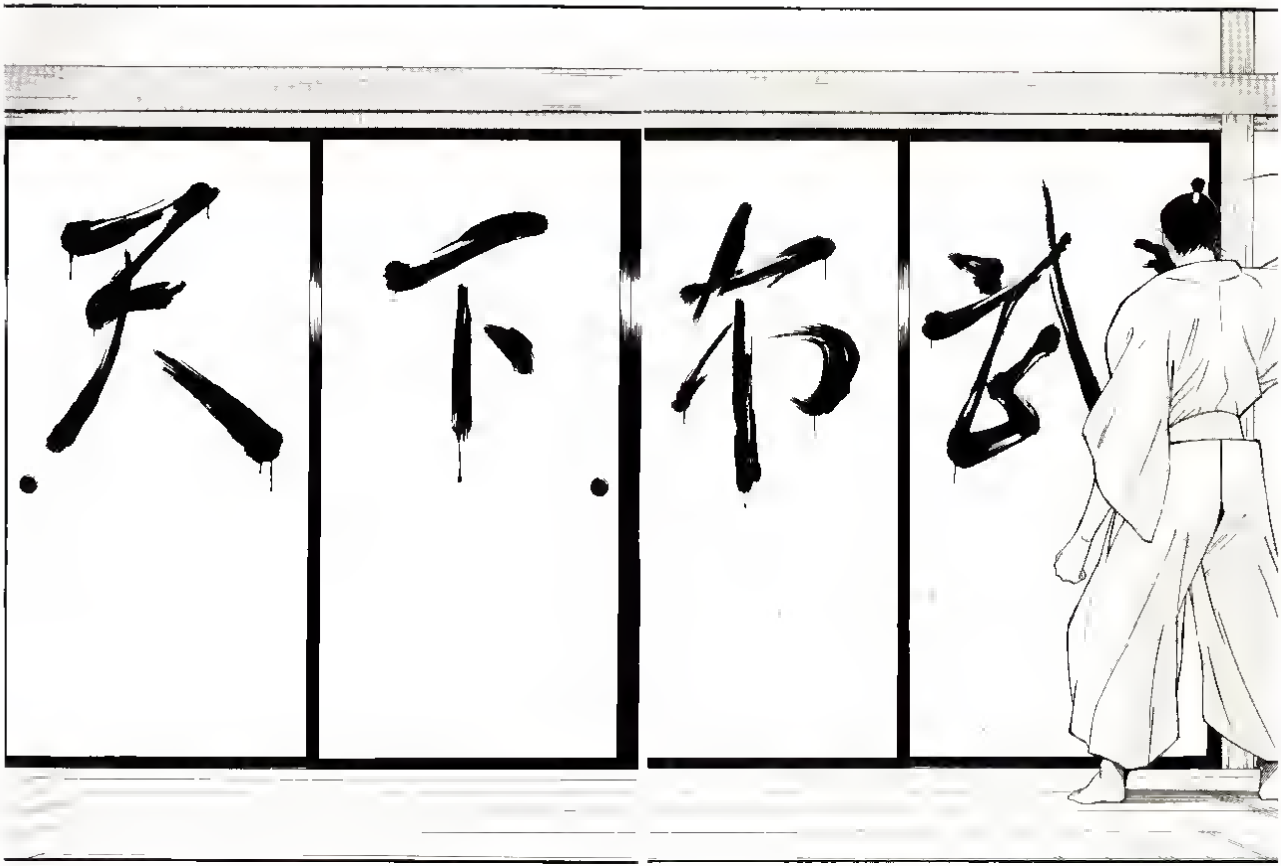
Because she gave birth to twins.
It happened last month.
Since she gave birth, her health had been deteri-orating.
What are their names?
Even so, she kept raising them until they were five.
Torahiko
and Komahiko.

※狛。字としての意はあおかみし似たけもの（狛犬となると獅子し似た幻獣）


Then good.
I see. She passed away.
My Lord?
Men, bring me ink and a brush!
A thick one.
ザ
Yes!

Nobu-
naga?
like
a pawn.
I used
Kohaku
But I only see
her as a pawn.
I used her to
make bond
with a demon.
That might be
the kind fate
she wanted.

Today, he brought me victory to this FatePul battle.
the demon came to my aid.
And just as I planned,
Let us say that Kohaku gave us this victory.
At the cost
of her life.
In the end,
I cannot let it end at this small place.


天下布武

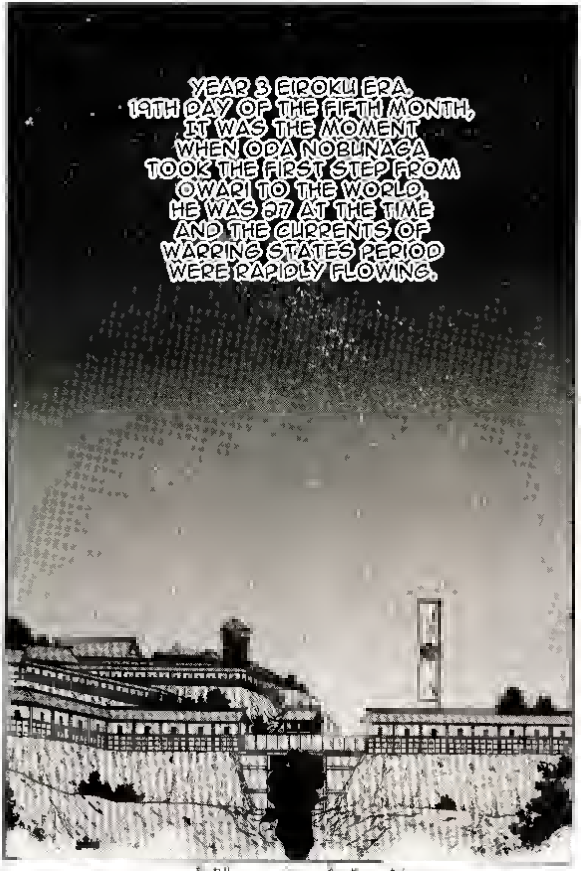
I never thought this would be a farewell present.
"All the world by force of arms"
I could've done as Nobunaga.
However, there's nothing else
She gave me.
I won't waste this victory
Tell at her grave

Tell her Nobunaga will definitely unite the nation.

a pool is still a pool.
Even when you've wisen up,
I am not pretending. I'll make it happen.
ザ
I'll be sure to tell her.
Ah!

Kicho cannot have a child.
IF I asked you to give me one,
You'd probably refuse.
There's only the path of Shura for Mutsu children.

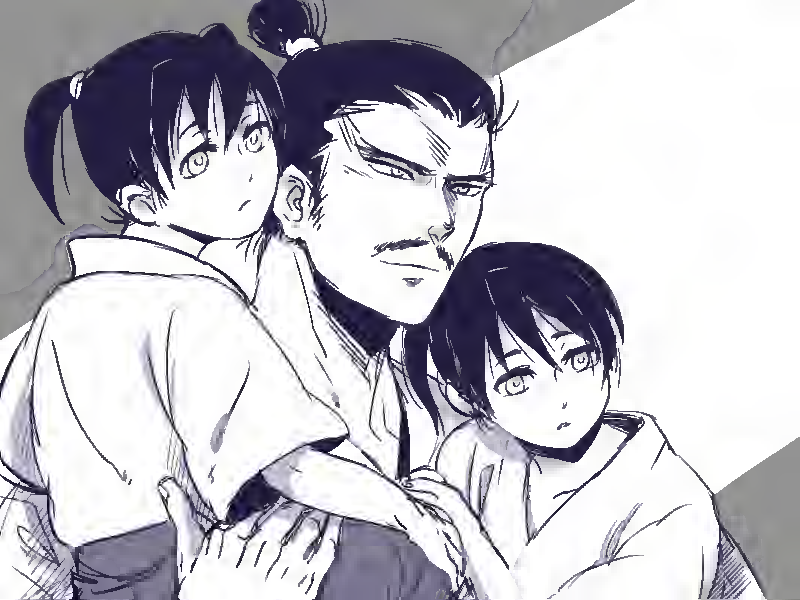
Will I be seeing you again?
But not with me.
Yeah.
With them.


YEAR 3 EIROKU ERA,
19TH DAY OF THE FIFTH MONTH,
IT WAS THE MOMENT
WHEN ODA NOBUNAGA
TOOK THE FIRST STEP FROM
OWARI TO THE WORLD.
HE WAS 27 AT THE TIME
AND THE CURRENTS OF
WARRING STATES PERIOD
WERE RAPIDLY FLOWING.

「尾張から吹く疾風」 完

陸奥圓明流外伝

修羅の刻



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT MY SITES FOR UPDATES, BLOOPERS, COMMENTS, AND OTHER RANDOM SHENANIGANS.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THIS MONTH'S PATRONS.

ELDISTAN
LIZZIE C.
NICK
FIRST LAST